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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

WE ARE STEPPING UP —AND DOWN

This is a very human thing to do. our benevolences it was hoped that e up and down stroke should not equal but that the up step would nd us on a higher level. When the ures are all in, that is the reports at are to come to us from the New rk offices, we may find that we are the same old level. We keep very ar the $60,000 mark in our total portionment giving.

During the months of July and igust we fell below the normal rate giving by some $800 to $900. We ve never quite recovered from those sses and close our books with some- ing over $1,000 less received through is office. There are some indica- ns that the Porto Rico and Florida lief gifts together with the greatly creased German giving of this year ll swell these totals to our general vel.

The year 1928 is a matter of his- ry. There are certain trends in this ving that give us cause for reflec- n. It is a most gratifying thing that churches have stepped up their giv- g to the amount of $3,193.68. We fea- re this fact in the center column of e front page. A study of these fig- es will show that there are fifteen our churches, naturally among our rger churches, that have fallen be- w last year's giving to the astound- g amount of $2,962.61, to say nothing a group of well-to-do churches that ight have rallied to the level of for- er giving.

This step-up plan is going to chal- nge the best that is in us to press ward the mark of greater giving ring the year 1929. We should make equent examination of ourselves dur- g the year. It is not the work of e minister alone. Let there be in- rested parties in each church that ll take pride in our determined ef- rt to lift our benevolence giving to e standard of other states and other nominations.

Better than this, however, better in rmanent results, will be the group- g of loyal friends of mission causes a fresh study of the great tasks at confront the churches at home nd abroad. We should know each her better. We should have in every urch a loyal band that will not rest ntil they see these standards of ristianity floating in every breeze.

Quite apart from the getting of nevolences for the three-fold distri- ution in our fellowship is the neces- ty of our several corporations bal- ncing their budgets, which means ving within a prospective income ven though we have to curtail our xpectations in the face of shrinking turns.

The past year has been one of ress. We were generous in yielding per cent to the national Home Board. hat was $1,000. We close the year ith a deficit of $1,462.90 in the Con- rence account. A surplus of $1,- 31.45 in the Home Missionary ac- unt or a total operating deficit of 31.45. This is altogether too close r comfort. Our Ministers' Relief So- ety shows an operating surplus of 48.60. This is sacred and apart from r other accounts. The fact is that e close the year with low balances nd unless the returns come quickly e will be straitened for funds Jan- ary 31. Please send forward such funds as you have. We thank the many churches for their generous gifts and look for a better year for us all in 1929.

THE YEAR'S RECORD

Editor's Note: Churches that sent more benevolence money through Conference office during 1928, than during 1927, are entered in black-faced type.

	1927	1928
Adin	$ 175.76	$ 200.33
Alameda	631.53	345.62
Alturas	108.00	60.00
Angel's Camp	61.85	90.00
Antioch	89.00	54.00
Auburn	.....	83.00
Bay Point	10.00	.....
Benicia	50.00	39.00
Berkeley—First	8,716.35	8,600.00
Bethany	3.92	.....
North	2,334.82	2,189.40
Park	185.58	221.62
Campbell	500.00	500.00
Ceres	665.56	643.00
Cloverdale	302.00	270.00
Cotati	166.77	66.32
Crockett	172.21	164.23
Etna Mills	11.58	.....
Eureka	397.10	234.00
Fairfax	.....	34.26
Ferndale	177.29	219.71
Fresno—First	834.27	892.25
Japanese	48.00	30.00
Pilgrim	250.00	100.00
Glen Ellen	65.15	50.00
Grass Valley	234.47	130.91
Guerneville	57.00	67.00
Hayward	98.00	102.70
Kenwood	75.50	63.59
Lockeford	70.00	43.50
Lodi—First	2,044.87	1,786.67
Loomis	.....	75.00
Los Gatos	.....	90.93
Martinez	374.29	264.12
Murphy	30.00	12.50
Niles	35.41	38.44
Oakland—Calvary	105.22	96.35
First	7,231.72	7,524.50
Fruitvale	544.92	157.97
Olivet	200.00	166.85
Pilgrim	238.13	356.32
Plymouth	1,264.75	2,403.04
Oleander	13.50	28.00
Oroville	406.13	407.07
Pacific Grove	437.34	681.48
Palermo	35.00	.....
Palo Alto	1,904.41	2,093.05
Paradise	150.00	150.00
Parlier	10.00	.....
Petaluma	1,276.90	1,088.08
Pittsburg	161.99	114.99
Porterville	125.00	206.00
Redwood City	750.00	949.81
Reno, Nevada	584.30	538.26
Rio Vista	.....	20.00
Ripon	28.50	30.00
Sacramento	685.79	729.25
Salida	37.00	65.00
San Francisco—		
Bethany	272.13	250.00
Chinese	5.00	.....
First	3,170.57	2,969.76
Mission Park	160.00	190.54
Richmond	151.59	68.84
San Jose	1,403.88	1,334.28
San Juan	16.00	7.00
San Leandro—		
Broadmoor	135.49	122.91
San Lorenzo	105.72	92.75
San Mateo	673.65	610.00
San Rafael	7.00	6.00
Santa Cruz	1,442.36	1,358.65
Santa Rosa—1st	430.17	555.80
Todd	5.00	8.00
Saratoga	1,340.05	1,313.00
Sebastopol	93.71	158.69
Sonoma	226.98	298.76
Stockton	2,448.00	2,413.00

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LINCOLN DAY

A new Lincoln program for The American Missionary Association has been prepared by Rev. Judson L. Cross of Boston for use in Sunday schools on February 10th—Lincoln Sunday. A responsive service for the whole school and impersonations given by the pupils makes an interesting and different presentation.

Write to the State Office or direct to The American Missionary Association, 287 Fourth Ave., New York City, stating how many you can use in your school and whether you will use the Lincoln Day envelopes; they will be forwarded to you at once.

THE MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

This annual gathering of the administrative and promotional leaders in our denomination is to meet this year at Cleveland, Ohio, January 19-24. Those going from this Conference are Dr. H. H. Gill of Sacramento, representing the Home Board, under the new arrangement; Mrs. Robert Brown of Oakland, President of the Federation, representing the American Board on the Prudential Committee; Dr. H. F. Swartz of Berkeley, as a member at large on the new Commission on Missions, and Dr. William J. Minchin of San Francisco as Conference Superintendent. From the program it looks as if the major part of the time will be spent in a discussion of ways and means to finance our great and growing work which costs more per unit than ever before.

BAY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The meeting was in the newly reconditioned church edifice in Alameda with the new pastor, Dr. Gail Cleland as host. Both building and minister won our hearts. The outstanding features were the addresses by Prof. Robert Stone of Oakland on "Adult Education," and Dr. Cleland on "Our Changing Religion." In the election of officers the Association honored itself in the selection of Dr. John W. Buckham as its new moderator. Rev. Walter B. Williams continues as Ecribe or Secretary. The early date prevented the making of any financial report as the books were not closed.

LENT COMING—ORDER EARLY

Lent begins on February 13th. Those churches and individuals who are planning to use the Fellowship of Prayer this year, should order their stock well in advance. For all large orders, please send to the Commission on Evangelism, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York City. The Conference Office in San Francisco will carry a small stock for the benefit of those who wish additional copies and to care for small orders.

The theme for 1929 is: "The Christian Heritage"; the author, Dr. Clarence Hall Wilson of New York. These Lenten meditations are built around these six relationships: "My relationship to myself, then to my work, my home, my church, finally to my God and Father and to my Master and Brother," according to the author.

The "Fellowship of Prayer" is 3c each, or $2.00 a hundred in quantities of one hundred or over.

PALO ALTO

The Palo Alto church has contributed about $300 toward the payment of the house rent of the minister of the Fellowship Congregational Church of Los Gatos, continuing a similar benefaction of the previous year. A committee of the church has also secured about $250 for the building fund of Kobe College.

WORLD FRIENDSHIP CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Sunday school of the Palo Alto church solved the problem of its Christmas entertainment this year by staging a "world friendship Christmas party." Groups of about a dozen boys and girls were invited from each of the following racial groups: Japanese, Chinese, Filipino, Negro and Mexican. The invitations were eagerly accepted, and the visiting groups each contributed some feature to the program, songs, native music, short talks on Christmas in China and in the Philippines, etc. The home school contributed the Christmas tree, Santa Claus, and a magician stunt by a Stanford professor which convulsed the audience. Classes in the home school were assigned to act as hosts to the different groups, going after them in automobiles. There was no element of charity, no suggestion of inferiority, but rather a happy mingling of elements that do not often meet, and the whole evening was pervaded by a spirit of merriment and friendliness. Incidentally the staff of the home school had the satisfaction of putting their time and effort into a real contribution to inter-racial good will.

SAN CARLOS IS BUILDING

Last month we reported that they were to build. The foundation is in; the roof is on; the whole enterprise is moving along with speed and high spirits.

We are inaugurating an entirely new method with reference to financing new building projects. It is an adaptation of the installment payment to church building. This church is to pay the Conference $30.00 a month for seven and a quarter years covering principal and interest.

There is one cog in this machine that may slip a little. It is THE CHURCH BUILDING FELLOWSHIP. This went on gloriously until the Christmas purchasing. We had two-thirds of our share available at that time and then it stoppped. We are soon going to renew the solicitation and seek the co-operation of our ministers in this most worthy project.

Will those who have received our letters, kindly look them up now that the holiday rush is over. Please return the pledge card and enroll in this club. Our first sixty gifts yielded about ten dollars on the average. We welcome all subscriptions and have many running from $2.00 to $5.00 a call. If you do not have a pledge card send to the Conference office and we will mail one to you promptly. Help San Carlos build.

PITTSBURG, CHAMPLIN, DAVIDSON

From the correspondence, the editor does not know which he should put first. Pittsburg is flourishing. The letter says that "It is growing by acres. 1113 more men are employed in the ten leading plants than a year ago." Dr. Davidson, who has just come to Pittsburg as the Religious Education Director for the church was given a cordial and abounding reception. A group of sixteen men, highly representative men, gathered for a supper and outlined the program of work, not the least of which will be a Bible Class for the study of Religion. Mr. Champlin is overjoyed as he says it is the realization of a ten-year old dream. It is a practical attempt at Adult Education. We wish it abundant success.

Suisun	96.67	128.41
Sunnyvale	125.00	50.00
Sunol Glen	35.00	35.00
Tipton	25.69	30.37
Tulare	410.00	292.76
Weaverville	10.00	5.83
Woodside	194.00	175.50
Miscellaneous	2,756.51	1,842.49
		219.00
Total	$50,907.32	$50,105.46
Decrease		$801.86

FORT BIDWELL

Rev. J. R. Shoemaker in acknowledging a consignment of woolen socks sent through the Conference office writes that it arrived on Christmas morning. They were able with the gifts of our many churches to make upward of 225 presents this year. He writes that there is much sickness and that the work of our missionaries has been largely in connection with ministry to the sick. At present the Shoemakers have their living quarters in the Government Hospital. They speak highly of the physicians there and the methods they are adopting for the treatment of trachoma.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH

The annual meeting was held Wednesday, January 9. At least four other of the Bay churches held their meeting at the same hour. Reports concerning this meeting abound in so many gratifying results that we give space to recognize the fact that a well conducted annual meeting has possibilities of quickening that are often overlooked. The reports were all inspiring in the attainments of the several groups and the finances were the best for many years.

CERES

Rev. George E. Atkinson, the minister, writes concerning his calendar service, which he holds annually on the first Sunday in January. He had an unusually large assortment, numbering 70, coming "Boston to the Golden Gate, from Canada to San Diego." The new year starts off well with the best Every-Member-Canvass ever conducted by this church. Hope runs high with the stable leadership of Mr. Atkinson.

SAN MATEO

Dr. Charles L. Kloss, the pastor, began the sixth year of his ministry on Friday, November 7. During the five year period he received 201 members into the church, 18 coming in at the October communion. Dr. Kloss is scheduled to take another party to Europe, this summer. He is a delightful conductor and can help travelers plan their trips.

ORDINATION SERVICE

On December 14, Ernest William Houlding, was ordained by an ecclesiastical council called by the Benicia church and made up largely of the churches in the Upper Bay Association. Exactly eleven years ago to the day a similar service was held to ordain Rev. Charles L. Atkins, now pastor at First Church, Topeka, Kansas.

At the service of Mr. Houlding, Rev. Alfred Pollard of Suisun was elected Moderator and Rev. C. C. Champlin of Pittsburg, Scribe. The paper read by Mr. Houlding was characterized by a winsome if not an emotional nature showing that the ministry is still a worth while enterprise for a young man. The sermon was preached by Dr. George P. Hedley. Others on the program were Superintendent Minchin, Dr. Hodgdon, Dr. Stark, Rev. Harvey L. Miller, Rev. Benjamin F. Sargent and Rev. C. C. Champlin.

PERSONALS

Rev. Robert J. Allen of Cathlamet, Washington, has been called to Weaverville and accepts to begin work March 1.

Dr. Burton M. Palmer has been called to Saratoga. Report comes that he will accept to begin work about Easter.

Dr. Thomas T. Giffen has been called to Plymouth, Oakland. At this writing no word has come of his acceptance.

WHY?

"I wonder why I should join the church. I might easily work with it, enjoy the services, help support it, and not put down my name. How is joining different? Only in the feeling of security, of mutual obligation, of permanence.

"What is the church, that I want to join it? Just a larger family, that meets about the "altar" as the family gathers round the lamp, regularly, for periods of refreshment and inspiration,—a family recognizing its duty to the young, to the community, to the world.

"If I join it, it is merely allying myself with that kind of an organization, because it will do me and my children good, and because I too pray, "Thy kingdom come" of peace and good-will to men.

"I like it too because of its long and honorable service to the world, and because I now believe—as I did not a short time ago—that it has a future and fulfills a real need of humanity.

"I come because I think there is leadership in this particular church, and because I can help.

"I do not expect to be equally interested in every branch of the church work. I do not expect to agree with everyone in it, with all its hymns or lesson books or sermons. But I expect to remain absolutely free intellectually, and to find ideals in common, and an atmosphere in which I may join hands with my fellow travelers through this mysterious life, and find it easier to smile and have faith."

FOREIGN MISSIONS UNDER FIRE

Straight talks with the critics of missions. By Cornelius Howard Patton, Home Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Cloth, $1.00. Paper, 60c.

A vigorous defense of the modern missionary movement. Dr. Patton deals with the more adverse criticisms of modern missions. From the point of view of the internationally-minded Christian he discusses controversial questions and gives the facts which show the influence and importance of missions in Christianizing the world.

The Authority Behind the Book: No one is better fitted to reply to these charges than Dr. Patton, for his long experience in the foreign field and as Home Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions gives him an unusual insight into the situation. He is the author of several books on missions and their relation to world progress.

NINTH ANNUAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

William Allen White of Emporia, Kansas, will deliver the annual Earl Lectures in connection with the Pastoral Conference Feb. 19-21, 1929.

Mr. White is the outstanding example of the combination of editor-owner-journalist, being today something of what such men as Greeley, Dana and Waterson have been in the past. His brilliant leadership has made the paper of the little city of Emporia as widely known throughout the country as any of the great metropolitan dailies.

Mr. White has also published several remarkable volumes.

His power is not only in mastery of English and in fresh and discerning interpretation of events, but more substantially in his remarkable genius for reading current history in the light of Christian ideals.

The exact topic of the lectures is not yet ready for publication, but the subject will have to do with the social movements of the present day in the light of Christian ethics.

The Conference will be held at the First Congregational Church in Berkeley. The evening lectures by Mr White will be given in the Auditorium of Wheeler Hall on the University campus.

Further announcements concerning the Conference will be made through the mails.—Pacific School Bulletin.

HOW ONE MAN CHANGED THE WORLD

Author, Ferdinand Q. Blanchard Price, $1.50. A new and interesting life of Jesus for boys and girls.

This interesting narrative is written from the point of view of the best scholarship and in simple, vivid style sure to appeal to children. The author has been particularly successful in making Jesus a real personality, one to be loved and reverenced all through life.

Why the Author Wrote This Book The author is pastor of the Euclid Avenue Congregational Church, Cleveland, Ohio. He wrote this book for his own child after an unsuccessful search for a life of Jesus for children written from the viewpoint of the best religious thought of the day, and presented in such an interesting and compelling style that Jesus would become a real personality. Parents, teachers, educators and ministers will be glad to know that this book by Dr. Blanchard meets these requirements.

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Author, Charles Emerson Burton D.D. Price, $1.00. For personal reading and class study.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

APPORTIONMENT FOR 1929

With the increase in the membership of our churches, there should be increased giving. A standard rate for the apportionment recommended by the conference at several annual meetings, is twenty cents a week per capita on the basis of the total membership as of January 1, 1928. Very few churches have as yet reached that goal. Last year, the per capita gifts for current expenses were about $30.00; for apportionment, $6.00; and for other benevolences, about $6.00. And, wherever a new church building goes up the average gift is about $100.00. The churches are urged to support the apportionment adopted for 1929. The grants for 1929 cannot be made intelligently unless the directors know, not only the receipts for 1928, but also the probable receipts for 1929, and the number and amounts of applications for aid.

The conference must have a balanced budget and cannot go into debt for its current expenses. Herewith follows an excerpt from the Conference Minutes for 1928:

"Apportionment: Apportionment for 1929, $150,000.00 with percentages provided as follows: State, 50 per cent; national, 20 per cent; International, 30 per cent. Conference directors are authorized to make apportionment for churches which do not report to the Conference as of May 1, 1929. Pacific School of Religion was endorsed as being a designated part of the apportionment for Foundation for Education."

WEST COAST OF MEXICO

A letter from Rev. Harry P. Leach, Principal of Colegio Internacional, Guadalajara, to the Conference Superintendent, dated December 19, reads as follows:

"It does us a world of good to know that you are with us up there at the home base. We were also very pleased to know that you are working to get us laboratory equipment, also equipment for Manual Training Department. We have anticipated our manual training department a little by having our handy man put in a brick floor in the carpenter shop so that it will be ready just that much sooner when we get the wherewithal to put in the necessary benches and tools. I do not think it will cost us as much as at first anticipated as I have been looking around for used tools, etc. Complete carpenter shops can be bought out for very little money. The benches are usually too big for our boys but the tools are just what we need. I believe with $250 we can put in a very nice manual training shop, at least have quite a lot to work with for the present.

The Sarah L. Keen school (Methodist) in Mexico City has recently purchased the necessary equipment for incorporation with the government and in reply to my inquiry Miss Taylor writes that the total cost was about 3000 pesos or around 1400 dollars. We would want a similar equipment in order to become incorporated with the University of Mexico.

In case we are fortunate enough in securing the funds necessary it will be also necessary to build a laboratory adequate to house the new equipment. I do not think this will cost a great deal. Adobes are cheap just now and our handy man who is a good bricklayer could soon build an excellent room equipped with running water and all that is necessary for a physical and chemical laboratory. Without going into the matter my guess would be that $200 to $250 would give us a very fine laboratory. I am inclined to believe that it would even cost less than $200."

This appeal from the Colegio Internacional should bring a quick and generous response from our churches. Gifts for this purpose could be counted as an "extra" on the apportionment for foreign work. In addition, from $100 to $200 dollars will provide a scholarship for a boarding pupil and $50 for a day pupil.

EXCERPTS FROM MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the First Southern California Congregational Conference met at the First Congregational Church, Los Angeles, at ten a. m., Tuesday, December 11, 1928.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator.

Rev. Sidney Buckham led in prayer.

The treasurer's printed report was presented, approved and ordered filed.

The warrant for the month amounting to $6,225.86 and bill amounting to $20.00 were approved and ordered paid.

SAN DIEGO: Letter was read from the San Diego Association concerning Kensington Heights, approving the starting of a Sunday school and the buying of a site, and asking that the Board of Directors appoint a committee of five, two of whom shall be from the San Diego Association, to direct this project. VOTED: To approve the committee of five to be appointed by the Moderator of which he shall be a member and the treasurer another. The Moderator appointed following committee: Mr. Fred M. Wilcox, Mrs. Lawrence Wilson, Rev. Wm. Forshaw, Rev. E. D. Gaylord, and Rev. Perry F. Schrock.

Mr. Wilcox reported that the deed for the Kensington Heights property had been returned with certain definite restrictions added which have not been in the formal contract. VOTED: That Mr. Wilcox be given power to act for the Board in this matter, even to the extent, if it should become necessary, of obtaining other property. VOTED: That Dr. Kenngott be authorized to send a letter to the San Diega Association pastors telling of our plans and calling attention to their vote of approval and promised support of this matter.

WILSHIRE BLVD.: The Extension Society having reported that the contract with the church expired September 1st, and that because of the bankruptcy proceedings having held the foreclosure sale up until now, it will be possible for them to bid in the property. VOTED: That we rescind our action of March 13th and ask the Extension Society to take over the matter of sale and bidding in of the property when offered.

BARSTOW: Voted to authorize the Finance Committee to act in regard to selling our parsonage and its removal or rebuilding next to the church.

REV. JAMES D. EATON: It was announced that Dr. Eaton had passed away recently and the secretary was authorized to send a word of appreciation and sympathy to Mrs. Eaton, and Dr. Kenngott was authorized to send a floral tribute from the Board to the funeral service.

WEST COAST OF MEXICO: Reported that we have secured a lot in Mazatlan next to our property for school building purposes for $2,000.00 and incidental expenses.

POMONA MEXICAN: A letter informed the Board that the Pomona Mexican church proposal to buy a lot next to the church had not been consummated and they recommended the buying of two lots on the corner near the church 120x100 feet, at a cash valuation of $600.00, to be used as a playground for their work. VOTED: That we authorize the Finance Committee to negotiate for this property, being given power to act providing our share in the lot shall not be increased by such action.

BURBANK: The Burbank situation relative to building was discussed. They intend to put up a building costing about $16,000.00, they taking half of this amount, seeking to get $5,000 aid from the Building Society and the rest from nearby churches, namely Hollywood, Pasadena Neighborhood and Pomona. VOTED: That we approve this plan in general and will co-operate with the Burbank church, authorizing the Finance Committee to make such arrangements as will be necessary, paying pro rata with the amount paid by the Burbank church.

BAY SHORE: Reported that Rev. G. W. Pierce had been called to this field, beginning January 1, 1929, and voted that we recommend that a grant of $500.00 be made to this field with the understanding that the First Church of Long Beach shall add a like amount, we paying at the rate of $50.00 a month for the first six months, this being in the nature of an emergency grant.

NORTH WILSHIRE: Reported that the Extension Society still wishes us to proceed here as soon as we have funds.

"NUEVA SENDA": Special committee reported and the matter was referred to the Budget Committee at their next meeting.

PANAMA: Voted approval of their proposed sale of part of their property to the school board according to the recommendation of the local committee, with the understanding that the amount thus secured is to be spent in repairs on the church property.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE: Mr. Buckham reported for the Young People's Conference plans for next year. They are discontinuing the point contests and cup award and grouping classes on the idea of personalities rather than consecutive courses over a three year period. The committee is preparing programs to be sent out suggesting a line of topics for our young people's meetings.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF: The matter of a successor to Dr. Eaton on the Ministerial Relief Committee was left to the committee and Dr. Kenngott.

COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: Voted, that Mr. Waterhouse be our representative in this matter and that we pay the registration fee of $10.00.

MIDWINTER CONFERENCE: Midwinter conference was announced to be held this year at Cleveland, Ohio, January 19th to 24th, 1929. VOTED: That our superintendent be authorized to attend, with expenses paid as usual.

BREA: Reported that the Brea church had asked for a grant of $2,000.00 and a loan of $1,500.00 from the Building Society for the church building and property, and a loan of $1,500.00 on the parsonage, they, having sold their property for $12,000.00, are located on a favorable site. VOTED: That we approve such grant and that if the Building Society grant is only $1,500.00, we advise the increasing of the loan to $2,000.00.

SERVICE

The Extension Secretary, Rev. Paul B. Waterhouse, who gives most of his time to the Oriental work; the Educational Secretary, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, who gives most of his time to the educational work of the conference and through the church schools and young people's groups, and the conference superintendent, are at your service for anything in their power.

YEAR BOOK REPORTS

Two blanks have been sent to each pastor for the church report, which should be handed to the church clerk. These reports should be filled out promptly and one returned to the Congregational office on or before February 1st, the other being retained by the church clerk for future reference. The pastors and clerks should notice that the report asks for the number of men. With the "elimination of the women" in the report one column is saved. Last year the clerks of at least twenty churches reported all of the women absent!

The reports came in so late last year that mistakes could not be corrected in time for the publication of the Year Book. Please see that the reports are filled out completely, accurately and returned promptly. It will save all of us a lot of time and money if this is done.

BAY SHORE, LONG BEACH

The Calendar of this church contains the following notice:

The Congregation is pleased to announce to the residents of the community the call of Rev. Wellington G. Pierce to the pastorate of the Community Church, starting Jan. 1, 1929.

For the past three and a half years Mr. Pierce has been associated with the First Congregational Church of this city in the capacity of Director of Religious Education.

Sunday mornings at 11 o'clock. An hour of worship, fellowship and constructive Christian thinking.

Theme for January—"Problems in the Building of Tomorrow's World."

"The nineteenth century made the world a neighborhood; the task of the twentieth is to make of it a brotherhood."

1. Jan. 6.—The Quest for the Unattained. "Let not him who seeks—cease until he finds." From the recently unearthed "Sayings of Jesus."

2. Jan. 13.—Dangerous—But Passable. An analysis of the forces and conditions in today's world which are blocking the advance toward a social order based on the principles of Jesus.

3. Jan. 20.—Architects of the Ideal. "A map of the world that does not include Utopia is not worth even glancing at. . ." A study of the principles and the purpose of mankind's perpetual quest for a "better than what is."

4. Jan. 27.—The Qualities of Constructive Citizenship. What mental equipment and what spiritual resources are needed by the builders of tomorrow's world?

"THE PACIFIC"

Churches have been requested to write at least $5.00 in their annual budget for twenty copies of "The Pacific" to be sent to the officers.

Church Organs

built, remodeled, stops added, etc.
Tuning done, instruments cared for on contract.

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SANTA BARBARA

The **FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SANTA BARBARA** was destroyed by fire due to defective overhead wiring on Saturday evening, December 22nd. The church building, organ, pews and everything were destroyed with the exception of the Sunday school rooms in the rear. The property was valued at about $65,000, on which insurance of $35,000 was carried. Letter from Rev. Paul Davies, the pastor, states, "We have just completed the adjustment on our policies, namely, $35,000, minus $41.00 which had been paid once before when we got a little smoke damage from an overheated furnace. That $35,000 is a nice nest egg toward a new edifice. The church held its first business meeting last Thursday night and voted to go ahead immediately with plans for a new building. The question of site has not yet been determined. Most seem to favor selling our present site. That is to be settled in the near future."

The sympathy of the churches will go out to the First Congregational Church and pastor in their loss. They worshipped on Sunday immediately after the fire, with the people of the First Methodist Church. Mr. Davies writes, "we are meeting tomorrow at Recreation Center and will be there until we can repair our Sunday School rooms sufficiently to use them. That may be a week or two, perhaps three."

SHERMAN INSTITUTE, RIVERSIDE

To the religious work at Sherman Institute, under the direction of C. W. Cell, superintendent, the Conference contributes $500.00 a year. The recent letter from Mr. C. W. Cell containing a very interesting report of the work of himself and Miss Vera C. Wight, assistant Christian Education director, which concerns our churches, reads as follows: "Our chapel indebtedness is now below the $1,500 mark and you will doubtless recall that at the time of dedication, the debt was approximately $15,000, which has steadily been reduced through this four-year period, until we have what you might call a small balance due; however, as we reach the hillcrest the pull becomes harder. This has been the busiest year of all for us at Sherman. We have over 800 of the 1100 students, here at Sherman, under our Protestant care. Miss Wight and I are, of course, doing our best for this large and splendid group of youth."

Legacies

1. **FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SAN DIEGO:** Rev. Roy H. Campbell, Pastor, received a legacy of $20,000. This is the second generous legacy within a year.
2. **PILGRIM CHURCH, PASADENA:** Mr. William R. Staats, son of Rev. H. T. Staats, for many years pastor of the Pilgrim Church, Pasadena, left $10,000 to this church, Rev. J. J. Jones, pastor.

NEWS ITEMS

ARVIN: Rev. H. C. Chapman, formerly pastor of Rialto, has been called to the pastorate of the Arvin church, and has accepted, beginning his pastorate January 1st. Rev. N. L. Packard, formerly pastor of the church, will make his home at Redlands.

BARSTOW: Rev. Isaac McRae, pastor, sent to the Congregational office a generous supply of desert holly, for which the office force are duly grateful. This should serve as an encouraging example to the pastors in the citrus belt to send sun-kissed oranges and to the pastors in the Imperial Valley to send grapefruit, dates and the like!

NORCO: Mr. Donald Gaylord, now student of the Pacific School of Religion, made a remarkable survey of this district and embodied it in a written report which should serve as a model to other students working for a brief period during the summer in such places.

WARM CREEK SCHOOL, near Highland, was organized by Mr. and Mrs. James E. Boyd during the summer. They have made also a fine survey of that district and embodied it in a report both beautiful and useful.

MORENO: Rev. Merle Frost, who has been serving this church as acting pastor, while teaching in the Riverside High School, has resigned.

EXCERPT FORM THE "MISSION HILLS CONGREGATIONALIST": "Happy New Year! We take pleasure, not only in wishing, but in assuring our people a happy New Year. Happiness is not capricious. The true Christian need never fear least happiness be snatched from him. For the Christian may confidently expect something better in this coming year.

"Those who live for sensuous pleasures may expect something worse. For appetites become jaded. Artificial stimulus loses its power. Superficial pleasures pall. And there is nothing to take their place if spiritual culture has been neglected. The staid worldling says, 'I would give 1000 tomorrows for just one yesterday!'

"For the Christian each tomorrow is better than his yesterday. His delights are in the new opportunities for helpfulness, new and richer friendships, the joy of giving and sharing, large capacities for appreciation of the fine things of life, new thrills which come with growth of soul, and the glowing sense of the deeper meaning of life.

"To some men these higher delights seem meaningless. Of course! They have to be experienced to be understood. 'Happy are they who hunger and thirst for goodness!' "

BREA: This church, under the pastorate of Rev. Wm. J. Oldfield, has recently sold its property on the main street and with the proceeds secured a large site, well located, not far away. It moved thereon the church building from the old site, enlarged and repaired it, and erected what amounts to a new parsonage. The Conference directors approved to the building secretary an application for $2,000 grant and $1,500 loan on the church building, and a loan of $1,500 on the parsonage.

BURBANK: Under the pastorate of Rev. Leon H. Austin, it is planned, in the near future, to erect the first unit, costing $16,000, and designed for church-school purposes.

LA CANADA: This church serves in a unique way the whole community under the pastorate of Rev. Kenneth Beam, and the budget is included in the Community Chest.

MASIS, LOS ANGELES: This church has been served for several years as pastor by Rev. H. H. Ashjian, who preaches in the Turkish language. Indeed there are two Armenian churches in Southern California, the Masis, Los Angeles, and another in Pasadena, where the services are held in the Turkish language. Mr. Ashjian has resigned as of January 1st and will undertake work in Chicago among the Armenians.

WILSHIRE BOULEVARD: Under the leadership of Rev. Thomas H. Harper, pastor, this church is making good progress. The Congregational Church Extension Society of Los Angeles, which holds title to the property, will hold its annual meeting with the Wilshire church on Friday evening, February 8th, or Friday evening, February 15th, date to be announced later.

PANAMA: Rev. W. W. Hart, formerly pastor for Buena Park, began his pastorate of this church December 1st and resides on the field. The church, which has never been able to pay more than $65.00 a month for pastor, has pledged Mr. Hart $100.00 a month and the free use of the house.

POMONA MEXICAN: A fine new lot has been bought for this church, near its present property, as a playground and social center. The church has now one of the finest church buildings in Southern California for the use of the Mexican people. Rev. C. E. Crawford, pastor of the church, and family, live in the parsonage adjoining the church.

POWAY: A site for a new church on the highway between Escondido and San Diego, about a mile from the present Poway church, has been deeded to the Conference for a new church when the community warrants it.

IN MEMORIAM

REV. JAMES D. EATON

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, December 11, 1928 at the Church of the Flowers, Forest Lawn Cemetery, Glendale, for Rev. James Demarest Eaton, retired pastor who died Sunday morning, December 9, after a brief illness.

The funeral services were read by Dr. George Kenngott, superintendent of the Congregational Conference, assisted by Dr. John S. Maile, former superintendent of the conference. Interment at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

The death of Dr. Eaton brought to a close a long career, for Dr. Eaton was 80 years of age at death, having taken up his first pastorate in 1872 in the First Congregational Church at Portland, Oregon. He was born in Lancaster, Wisconsin, and after studying at Beloit College, Chicago Theological Seminary and Andover Theological Seminary and doing post graduate work at Yale, he set out on his service which took him to various parts of the United States, and into Mexico.

He was married in 1875 at San Francisco, to the wife who survives him, residing at the family home, 5955 Hayes Avenue, Highland Park.

In 1882 the American Board of Foreign Missions sent Dr. Eaton down into Mexico and he and his wife and family lived in Chihuahua where for thirty years Dr. Eaton carried on his work as a missioner. Impaired health brought him back to the United States in 1912 and he took up his residence in Los Angeles, where he had been ever since.

Although technically retired, he was very active in church affairs, having been secretary and treasurer of the local Congregational Ministerial Union and later chairman of the committee on ministerial relief.

Dr. Eaton leaves in addition to his widow, a daughter, Mrs. L. S. McGinty and a son, Dr. Howard D. Eaton, both of whom reside in Los Angeles. There are two brothers also, Dr. Edward D. Eaton, now of Washington, formerly president of Beloit College, and Dr. S. L. Eaton of Newton Highland, Mass.

REV. FRANK E. KNOPF, formerly pastor at Calexico, was severely injured by an auto recently. He resides at 4958 Vincent avenue, Eagle Rock, telephone Garfield 7812. Mr. Knopf is making a fairly good recovery.

INDIGENOUS COURSES IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

By Sidney H. Buckham

At the meetings of the World's Sunday School Association in Los Angeles last summer, much emphasis was placed upon "indigenous lesson courses." This demand grew out of the needs of various national and racial groups for curriculum material that would meet their own particular situations. Quoting from the findings of the convention "The present situation requires indigenous curricula. The new national consciousness in all nations, the emergence of autonomous churches, and Interdenominational Councils, and the prominence of national leaders make this unmistakable. It is recognized that curricula that minister to the needs of life are not imposed from without, but are wrought out in life, very largely as a part of the actual process of living under the dominance of Christian ideals and principles."

What applies to national and racial differences applies in some degree to local churches, and even to the various groups within the local church. Tom, Dick and Harry form a compound in the Sunday School class that is very different from the combination of Tom, Dick and Joe. Moreover there is the factor of church location, whether in the city or country, industrial or professional neighborhood, and church or non-church parents, etc. With no consideration for these varied conditions the same curriculum material is broadcast from headquarters to be used in every Sunday School from Maine to Hawaii, and even beyond, until like a certain brand of paint, "It covers the earth." This process of wholesale lesson courses develops an iron-clad system that forces religious education into a static mold, hindering growth and progress.

This new movement toward indigenous courses is a most welcome trend in religious education. It promises a freedom in Sunday School practice that will break the conformity of the past, and make the much needed principles of progressive education in the secular field attainable to religious education. Here and there among the churches are venturesome souls, teachers, superintendents, pastors, councilors, who are attempting to meet their own needs by building courses of study to suit their own situation. These will no longer be "outlaws" from the regular order of the curriculum, but will be encouraged.

There is an unlimited list of books that can be used as the basis for indigenous courses of study. A few of these that may prove helpful to Sunday School teachers are:

"The Graphic Bible," Lewis Browne "The Kingdom of Love," Blanche Carrier, "From Desert to Temple," E. W Whitman, "Great Pictures As Mora Teachers," H. E. Jackson, "The World's Living Religions," R. E Hume, "The Unwrought Iron," F. M Eliot, "The Bible for Youth," Gillie and Reid.

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